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## COMMENT.

Active work of construction has been commenced on the Fort Worth and Albuquerque Railroad.

Three distributing clerks in the Chicago postoffice died a few days ago of a gripe, contracted in the distribution of Russian mails.

Judge Lee has at last been confirmed, also Col. Morrison and Berget of the Santa Fe Land office, and Leggett of the Roswell Land Office.

The proposition to make Oklahoma a negro state has created great commotion there, and the few negroes now there are being driven out.

The president has approved the agreements entered into with the several bands of Chippewa Indians in the State of Minnesota, under which about 4,000,000 acres are ceded to the government.

It is reported that Senator Blair threatens to leave the Republican party in case his seventy-nine million School Bill is defeated by the Senate. The Republic suggests that the Democratic party should quarantine at once.

The Chicago guarantee fund of ten millions for the World's Fair seems to have shrunk since the action of the House locating the Fair at that city. It is said now to amount to something over four millions, and Congress is disposed make Chicago "ante up" the full amount before the matter goes any farther.

The *Courier-Journal* speaks of Chicago as at the foot of Lake Michigan. The *Courier-Journal* will stand corrected. Chicago is at the head of Lake Michigan. The waters of the Chicago River run down through Lake Michigan, the Straits of Mackinac, and Lakes Huron, St. Clair, Erie and Ontario, to the Atlantic Ocean.

The *HEADLIGHT* some weeks ago stated that the debt of New Mexico was \$950,000. The *New Mexican* at once went into tantrums and branded the statement as false and malicious. That some paper now makes the statement, apparently based upon the reports of the auditor and treasurer, that the debt is now "about" \$900,000. Quite a back down. The statement of the *HEADLIGHT* was at the time literally correct.

The Republicans in Congress seem at last to be coming to their senses about their policy, pursued for twenty years and more, as to the purchase of foreign built ships. By their tariff they made the building of ships unprofitable at home, and then prohibited the purchase of ships abroad. On Thursday last Mr. Dawes, of Massachusetts introduced a bill to amend the revised statutes so as to permit the purchase and registry of foreign built vessels by citizens of the United States for employment in foreign trade.

**ABOUT "BACK" NUMBERS.**  
The Albuquerque *Citizen* admonishes its confreres of the *New Mexican* that he is wasting ammunition on ex-Governor Ross—that "the ex-Governor is a back number." The remark of the *Citizen* is misapplied. Tom's friend of the *New Mexican* is the person referred to. He is the "back" number. They use the numbers that way altogether in the institution which his friend escaped.

**COL. CHAVEZ FOR CONGRESS**  
The Albuquerque *Democrat* suggests to the Republican Convention to be held in a few months, the nomination of Col. J. Franco Chavez for Delegate to Congress. This is a good suggestion. There is probably not a man in the Territory who more correctly or thoroughly represents the dominant element of the Republican party of the Territory, or of the country, generally, for that matter, than Col. Chavez. Resembling in several respects the distinguished Speaker of the House, he would be an active, vigilant, and ever ready lieutenant to that officer whenever there might be occasion to overrule

law, precedent and decency for the subservience of a partisan necessity. Like necessity, and also like Reed, he knows no law that should be permitted to stand in the way of corrupt partisan schemes.

Col. Chavez has three times been a member of Congress from New Mexico, and has therefore had a measure of experience fully equal to that of any other citizen of the Territory, and greatly superior to nearly all others. True, his third term was very brief. Mr. Cleyer was elected to that term. The Republicans, however, had a two-thirds majority, and seated Col. Chavez at about its close.

While a member of the House, Col. Chavez by no means neglected the senate—possibly contemplating the time when he would grace a chair in that august chamber. Standing at the main entrance, in front of the vice president—thumbs in the armpits of his vest and arms akimbo, anon stroking and twirling his well waxed mustache, and with fierce conquistadorian grimaces, he presented to wondering beholders a spectacle at once grand (if grotesque and ludicrous).

In addition to his Congressional career, Col. Chavez has three times been chosen as the fittest Republican in the Territory to preside over its highest law making and deliberative bodies, and in none have his qualifications as a ruler and leader of the bodies he has had to handle been questioned, or his capacity to make a brute of himself found wanting.

He is a typical Republican of the class he belongs to, and a born leader of the lawless and depraved element of his party. So long as that element is in the lead, he is fairly entitled to the nomination.

**ANOTHER SOUTHERN OUTRAGE.**  
Here is another southern outrage which Congress ought to proceed at once to investigate, and then arrest another southern Democratic Congressman and put a defeated Republican contestant in his place. A Charlotte, N. C., dispatch of March 5th says:

Monday morning about 3 o'clock Miss Alice Kinney, 19 years of age, who with her mother lives alone on a farm in Sampson county, was aroused by the noise of some one in an adjoining room. She at once realized that a burglar was in the house. She took a revolver from under her pillow and holding it concealed in her hand she lay as if asleep. When the burglar entered the room Miss Kinney raised herself in bed and took aim at the man's head and fired. Instantly the burglar whirled around and as he did so she fired again and he fell to the floor with a groan. He died in about five minutes. Alarm was then given and a crowd gathered at the house. The burglar proved to be Sam Kerns, a negro who has given the community much trouble.

**SENATOR VANCE'S MISTAKE.**  
The proposition of the bill lately introduced by request, by Senator Vance, of North Carolina, that the Government shall go into the grain warehouse business, and loan money on the grain thus stored, is so monstrous, in its tendency toward paternalism, that even the stout Republican stomach of our neighbor the Albuquerque *Citizen*, is turned, and he cries out—"is it possible that such a measure as this is introduced in seriousness, or that it will be seriously considered by the senate? If so, where will the limits of governmental activity be set?"

Senator Vance made the mistake of his life when he allowed himself to be beguiled into the introduction of such a measure.

**QUESTIVE NEWS.**  
The Tucson *Star* publishes a dispatch from Globe, Arizona, to the effect that two of the five Apache Indians who killed a freighter near Fort Thomas, some two weeks ago, have been killed, and the other three captured by the troops. They were pursued some three hundred miles before the troops could reach and attack them.

This is indeed grateful news, and in keeping with the work and methods of General Miles, the Commander of the Department. The *Star* says the capture of these Indians is considered the best piece of work ever accomplished in the pursuit of Indians in Arizona, and the greatest credit is due the lieutenants in command for their splendid work, and those under them.

**MR. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL BILL.**  
(See Special Report.)  
Delegated Joseph's school bill, the provisions of which we publish in this issue, and which appears to have the sanction and endorsement of ex-Governor Ross, is entirely alien upon the subject of non-sectarianism. The bill is simply another bid for re-election. The only proper way for congress to aid the public schools of New Mexico is as suggested by the Reporter. Give us the school lands and other aids that are given in other states.

The above imputation to Mr. Joseph of an unworthy motive in the introduction of his Congressional School Bill, is unfair, and there is nothing to warrant it. That Bill was introduced in obedience to a generally expressed demand therefor. Immediately upon the adjournment of the last Legislature, which defeated by trickery the Kistler School Bill, the Governor issued a public address to the people of the Territory, urging a united popular demand upon Congress for a School Law. That demand went up to Congress, and this bill is the result.

It was a wise and timely move on the part of Mr. Joseph, and he is certainly entitled to the thanks of the friends of common schools everywhere.

As to the charge that the Bill is alien upon the subject of non-sectarianism, that is a defect that can be easily remedied, and yet it is not so serious a defect as it might seem under other conditions, as the payment of the money to the Territory for the support of schools is conditioned upon the manner of their support proving satisfactory to the Government. Other than non-sectarian schools, we have a right to suppose, would be decreed unsatisfactory. Yet the Bill would be improved by inserting that provision.

As to the appropriation of lands, instead of this money, the advantage of this plan is vastly preferable, as the preparation of the lands for sale, and the selling of them, would be a work of years, while the money appropriation could be realized upon almost at once, and time is a very important factor in this matter just now.

**THE LOOTERS IN THE SADDLE.**  
When the Democrats in the House of Representatives resisted as best they could the adoption of the new rules which make Speaker Reed the majority of the House, they told the Republicans and the country that they so resisted because the adoption of those rules would not only be revolutionary of the useful formalities of legislation and a reversal of the wholesome practices and precedents of a hundred years, but furthermore that they would remove essential safeguards in the expenditure of the public moneys and make public robbery and corruption the rule instead of the exception.

The Republicans answered, and the answer was echoed by the Republican press throughout the country, that the new rules were in the interest of the more orderly and convenient dispatch of the public business. The record of the House for the past two weeks has demonstrated how these rules have facilitated the orderly and convenient dispatch of the public business.

Such has been the profligate appropriation of the public money in the last thirty days, since the new rules went into effect, that the surplus left in the Treasury by the Democratic administration of some fifty million, is already gone, and the usual sources of revenue, amounting to \$450,000, are found insufficient for the usual current expenses of the coming year.

This has so alarmed some of the thinking leaders of the party in the House that they are turning to the Democrats for help, and begging them to rescind the very tactics which the House rules were adopted to prohibit them from doing. In order to defeat the grabbing schemes of the majority that are depleting the Treasury.

Mr. Cannon, the chairman of the committee on appropriations, pleaded in vain against rulings that would open the door of the Treasury in every jobber in Congress, and personally went to the Speaker and begged him to put on the brakes. Peters, of Kansas, also protested, but in vain. The rules, they were told, were made

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"liberal" in order to facilitate the public business.

Cannon confessed to the Democrats that he was convinced, now, that the Democratic iron wall against the spoliation of the Treasury was correct, and that under the "liberal" rules of Reed, there was no hope that the minority of honest men in the House could prevent the stealing.

This same man Cannon, and his followers, were told by the Democrats of the House that this would be the result of the new rules, but they laughed in derision and pointed to the Democrats as obstructors of the public business. Some of them, as Cannon, now see and bitterly realize their mistake. But it is too late. The looters are in the saddle, so far as the House is concerned, and the rape of the Treasury will be complete. Speaker Reed is the House, and the members are but pawns in his hands upon the Congressional chess board. The National Treasury has become a partisan foot ball, and the vast resources of the country a partisan perquisite for the reward of favorites and the purchase of continuance of power.

**SOME FUGAZAT CRITICISMS.**  
(Chloride Black Range.)  
New Mexico will remain a territory just so long as King Cannon and his political gang is allowed to strangle the rights of the people by defeating needed legislation, for instance, a good public school system.

The Montana legislature, adjourned without passing a single bill. What loss Montana has contracted by such a legislative failure would have been clear gain for New Mexico, had the twenty-eighth legislature adjourned in a like manner.

May we be hereafter preserved from vicious legislatures such as were perpetrated by the last legislature by defeating the school bill, passing a pet libel law, and making the reward for the capture of murderers and assassins one hundred dollars.

The New Mexican's suggestion of compelling the monopolies of New Mexico to pay their share of taxation, is a matter of vital importance. However, the plea of the New Mexican, on this important subject, somewhat loses its strength on account of the fact that many of its political associates are grant men who treacherously assassinated the school bill in the legislature last winter in order to escape taxation.

Governor Prince is urging the reorganization of the territorial militia. We hope the next legislature will pass a bill for the purpose of reorganizing the yet unpaid militia scrip. A bill of this kind was presented in the twenty-eighth legislative assembly, and its passage was ably urged by Hon. S. P. Foster and other members, but the bill was killed by that same gang of political pirates and land thieves that assassinated the Kistler school bill.

The prompt payment of taxes on confined land grants would facilitate public business. Mr. Wyllie remarked the other day in a session of the board of county commissioners that the business of avoiding or delaying the payment of taxes on grants or trying to get out of it by legal technicalities ought to be stopped. He is right. Men who can afford to own land grants can afford to pay taxes on them. —Frank Pease.

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